

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been good to see our young people continuing to progress through the summer term, and also to see a wonderful Prom event this week, where our pupils did themselves proud, having a great time, and conducting themselves brilliantly. It has also been encouraging to see the high standard of school uniform among almost all pupils. As a reminder, we have a uniform bank, run by Friends at Braes, which is located at school reception. Please feel free to drop into reception to pick up any items you might require. FAB are grateful for any small financial donation you wish to leave. However this is not necessary. When we move into the new session in August, we will reintroduce the rule where pupils in social spaces should be wearing blazers. The support of parents/carers in keeping up the high standards of uniform for which Braes pupils are known, is appreciated.

Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Friends at Braes

A huge thank you from all at Braes goes to Leah Curry, for her leadership of Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, over the last two years. A long-time member of FAB prior to becoming Chairperson, Leah, has brought energy, tenacity, warmth and good humour to the group's activities, and led the group through what have of course been very different circumstances for everyone these last couple of years. It is testament to Leah's work with FAB that the group were able to sustain fundraising and support of school in new and creative ways during these times, and that work is very much appreciated by both fellow FAB members and the school alike. Leah is now standing down as Chairperson and we would thank Leah for all her hard work, commitment and dedication to the role. Susan MacKinnon, a current Vice-Chairperson of the group, will take the role of Chair until the Annual General Meeting in August.

Throughout this session, FAB have met with pupils and staff from a wide range of areas across the school and supported many clubs and activities. A few examples would include supporting our Jewellery Club, our Digital Leaders, our Formula 1 Club, our rugby teams, our Eco Group and our Cost of the School Day group. Quite an achievement, given the restrictions we have faced, I'm sure you'll agree. FAB are always keen to engage with any parent/carers who wishes to be involved in whatever capacity suits. Please email Susan MacKinnon at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com for further information.

Parent Council

Similar thanks go to our Parent Council for their contribution to and support of the school this session. Our Parent Council have continued to meet throughout the session and have engaged in

supportive conversation with pupils and staff on a range of school topics. A few examples are noted below:

- engaging with our **Pupil Council** on the celebration of pupil success
- engaging with our **Pupil Self-Evaluation** Leaders on their analysis of school improvement priorities
- discussion with school staff on the school's **Family Learning** provision and programme
- discussion with and encouragement of the school's **Pupil Good Food Ambassadors**
- informing the implementation of COVID-19 procedural changes
- considering **HMIE Recovery Visit** feedback
- supporting the **Pupil Digital Leaders**
- discussion with the **Pupil STEM Leaders**
- dialogue with the **Pupil Eco Leaders**
- discussion of **SQA revision support** programme
- engagement with **Rights Respecting Schools** lead staff
- supporting reaccreditation of **RRSA Gold Level** status
- focusing on the development of **Braes Brightside**
- helping and supporting school **charity events**
- engaging with and encouraging our **School Captains** team

Our thanks go to Heather McManus, Chairperson, for her leadership of the group, and to all the parents/carers who have been part of these discussions across the school year. If you would like any further information please email braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Shieldhill Greenspace Community Event

Please see the attached flyer advertising a community event in Shieldhill on Saturday 18th June.

School Show

A reminder that our school show, Anything Goes, takes place across the evenings of Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, and Thursday 16th June, starting at 7.30pm. Braes Youth Theatre have worked exceptionally hard on this production and it will be great to see a good audience at each performance. The attached flyer give details of how to purchase tickets.

Last Day of term

This term concludes on Friday 24th June at 12.30pm. Buses will arrive to collect pupils at this time. The school reopens for pupils thereafter on Wednesday 17th August. Term dates for next session and beyond can be seen at:

[School life - School holiday dates | Falkirk Council](#)

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Finally, I would thank all Braes parents/carers for your ongoing support of your young people and the school. We look forward to a busy and positive remainder of the term.

Yours sincerely

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